

Dear Colleague:

I cordially invite you to attend the 29th Annual Western Association of Workers' Compensation Board convention in San Diego on June 3-6, 2001. The Division of Workers' Compensation has been selected to host this premier workers' compensation convention. The conference will provide ample opportunities for you to meet and network with state regulators from the 18 western states as well as workers' compensation adjusters, attorneys, physicians and other professionals. DWC's goal is to stage the best convention WAWCB has ever had through a rich and diverse educational and activity program.

The Bahia Resort Hotel, which is perfectly situated on a 14-acre semi-private peninsula on San Diego's Mission Bay, is the convention hotel. Conference activities include a golf tournament, tennis tournament, fun-run, and yoga class. Conference attendees will enjoy three continental breakfasts, a sit down lunch, a dinner-cruise, and a charter bus trip to Rosarito Beach for a seafood buffet dinner at a hotel above the Pacific Ocean.

The most important part of the conference is the topics and speakers. We have spent a considerable amount time of deciding upon the topics and speakers and are sure you will enjoy our program. A brief list of scheduled topics include: National Trends in Workers' Compensation; Indian Sovereignty and Collective Bargaining; Employer Fraud in Workers' Compensation; International Perspectives on Workers' Compensation; a judge's, defense attorney's and applicant's attorney's views on Rand's Institute of Civil Justice upcoming study of the DWC WCAB Court System; Uninsured Employers Fund; Return to Work discussions; among others.

Please make plans now to attend this important convention. If you have any questions, please contact Conference Coordinator Bob Wong at 415-703-4676 or bwong@hq.dir.ca.gov. Also check our web site at www.dir.ca.gov for conference updates

Sincerely yours,

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